

DANDY MAN® Purple

Rhododendron 'LAVJ2011'

pp#26,976

Common name: rhododendron



Landscape Info:

USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 4/AHS 8
Mature height:	4-8'/1.2-2.4 m
Exposure:	Part shade-sun
Irrigation:	average

Features & Benefits:

- Developed in Maine, hardier than typical rhododendrons with exceptional disease resistance.
- Large, spherical clusters of rich purple flowers with a prominent green eye in mid spring.
- High quality evergreen foliage
- A classic landscape planting for semi-shaded areas.

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Cultural info:

pH Level:	5.6 – 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	Moderate-high	
Watering:	Low to moderate	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)	
Sales Window:	All season; spring bloom, evergreen	
Blooms On:	Old wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 3-4 times	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Slow-average	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	Quick Turn	10-12
2 - 3 gallon	Quick Turn	16-18

Grower Tips:

- Best grown in light, fast-draining media and kept on the dry side – frequent watering and less-than-immediate drainage can lead to root rot and disease.
- Blooms on old wood – dormant and spring pruning will remove flower buds.
- Trim up to 4 times to encourage a dense, well-branched and rounded plant, but never cut into thick stems. Doing so will result in an awkward habit and slow recovery.
- Stop trimming in late July to allow flower buds to form if selling the following season.
- A 5 gallon can be produced from a 1 gallon shift; allow 20-24 weeks to the time required to produce the 1 gallon.
- Liners are available in quick turn size only.
- An excellent plant for shipping in bloom for spring sales.

NOTES: